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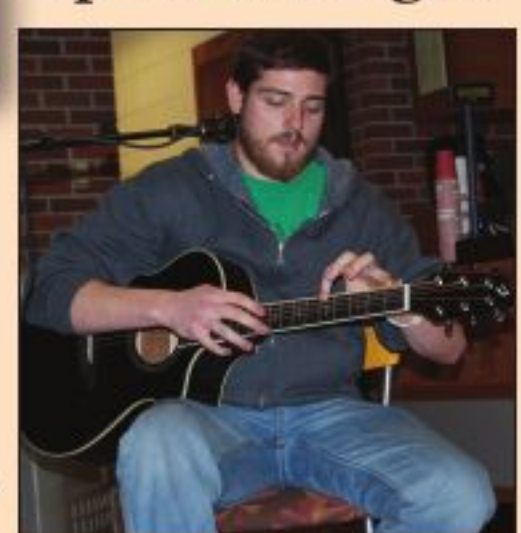


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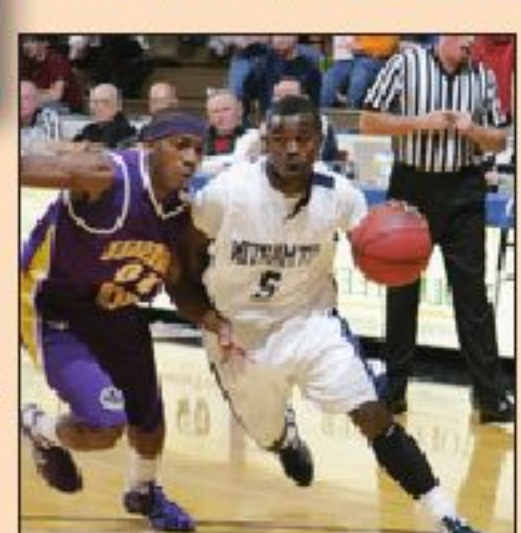


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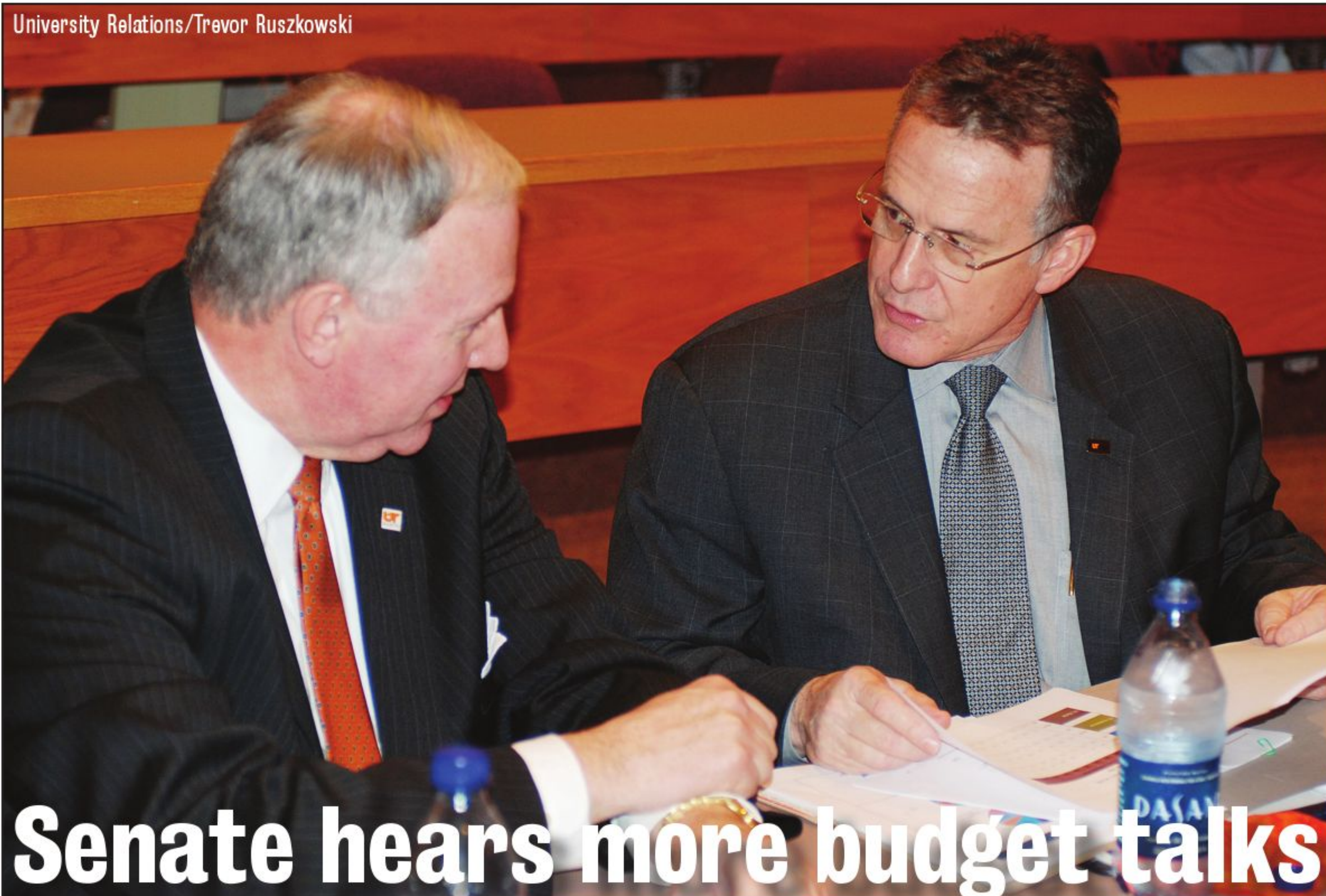
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- Yes, several.
- No, but I have in other places.
- Never experienced a tornado.
- I can't remember/was too young.

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Senate hears more budget talks

Walter Harris
Pacer Writer

John Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee system, briefed UTM's Faculty Senate last Tuesday about UT's situation in the midst of the nation's economic crisis.

Petersen has been traveling to all UT campuses and discussing the current state of affairs affecting the UT system with increasing budget cuts. During his address at UTM, he gave a short history of what has already transpired.

Petersen said, "Last July 1 the system was given a \$21.2 million budget cut from the state. The revised cuts decided this past October has approved \$17 million (that is) permanent for next July 1, but has now been increased to \$66.4 million for the system."

With another \$25 million possibly added for a just-in-case scenario, Petersen said this would total between \$89 million and \$110 million out of \$500 million in appropriations.

Basically, Petersen said, "(We want to) enable people to understand that we are down to the bare necessities." The goal is for the excess to be taken out while not compromising the quality of service.

During the senate session, a question was posed with regard to online education. Petersen

Additionally, Petersen reflected positively on how UTM has been making progress in the field of academics and recruitment.

"(There has been an) increasing enrollment gross along with an increase in ACT scores for the past four or five years," Petersen said

The possibility of stimulus monies may be available to impact the state's budget once the Governor presents his budget for approval from the Legislature in March.

Hooten added, "We have three different budget scenarios that have been developed for potential implementation, but do not know the exact amount at this time."

"It's going to take a while to get through this downturn," Petersen said, but added, "UT will get through this ... (but) if we go down into a trough (and) stay in it for a while, we'll get out of it sooner." Basically, he said, figure out the best way to do what you can with what you have.

When budgets are cut, they are cut. Strategic cuts for planned areas will be decided internally by those people directly involved. This is a hard decision, but should be respected since control is given to those who must live with

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"We have implemented the required 3.5 percent reduction in the current year's budget and have identified various reductions pending a final determination of actual amounts for budget reduction beginning July 1, 2009."

John Petersen

UT SYSTEM PRESIDENT

said, "(There needs to be) a mix of online instruction combined with classroom instruction." Online is significantly interactive. Petersen gave UTM credit for making these programs a successful venture and said that they need to continue to grow in their mission to train individuals that can be contributors in our society.

Al Hooten, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration, also outlined UTM's status.

"We have implemented the required 3.5 percent reduction in the current year's budget and have identified various reductions pending a final determination of actual amounts for budget reduction beginning July 1, 2009."

Chi Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha top winners in Greek Fest

Amber Pickett
Pacer Writer

Greek Fest 2009 kicked off last Monday, Feb. 9 with this year's theme "Greatness".

Each year for Greek Fest, a charity organization is selected to receive the profits of Greek Fest. This year, the selected charity was Habitat for Humanity.

Fierce competition among the fraternities and sororities started Monday with the Greek auction. The sororities and fraternities could enter up to five members from their organization to be auctioned off to bidders.

Tuesday night, Line Dance was the start of the performances put on by the Greeks.

The object of line dance is to dance in a well-choreographed routine while staying in line. The fraternities and sororities have the choice of which song they would like to dance to.

The brothers of Sigma Chi took home first place and Best of Show, dancing to the song from the movie *Night at the Roxbury*, "What is love", while the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon took second place, dancing to the song, "Push it", by the duo Salt and Pepa.

The sisters of Chi Omega took first place at line dance with their performance to the song, "Circus" by Britney Spears, and "A show out", by DJ Unk. The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi took home second place and Best of Show with

their performance to the song, "Man, I feel like a woman," by popular country singer Shania Twain.

LipSync was held Wednesday night and this year's theme was "Cartoons". The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha blew everyone away with their first-place performance of a blast-from-the-past cartoon routine with shows such as, "The Care Bears," "The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "The Smurfs" and "Alvin and the Chipmunks."

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon took 2nd place and Best of Show with their creative and entertaining imitation of today's popular kids'

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The sisters of Chi Omega step en route to a first place finish at Steppin'. Chi Omega and fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha won overall top places in Greek Fest. (University Relations/Trevor Ruszkowski)

Pacer, WUTM fare well at SEJC

Staff Reports

The Pacer and campus radio station WUTM were recently honored at the 2009 Southeastern Journalism Conference with an Honorable Mention in the "Best in the South" category for newspapers and second place in the "Best in the South" category for college radio stations.

Several Pacer staff members and WUTM News Director Benita Evans received individual awards as well.

The conference, in which roughly 30 universities competed, takes place each year and recognizes student print and broadcast journalists through various awards, including onsite competitions.

"The Pacer staff, as usual, brought home plenty of bragging rights from the conference. I am deeply proud of their efforts to continuously work for quality journalism," said Tomi Parrish, faculty

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Tornadoes: Fact vs. Fiction

MYTH

Windows should be opened before a tornado approaches to equalize pressure and minimize damage.

If you are driving and a tornado is sighted, you should turn and drive at right angles to the storm.

People caught in the open should seek shelter under highway overpasses.

TRUTH

Leave the windows alone. The most important action is to immediately go to a safe shelter.

The best thing to do is to seek the best available shelter. Many people are injured or killed when staying in their vehicles.

Overpasses provide limited protection from a tornado. Your risk will be greatly reduced by moving inside a strong building.

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Tornado awareness critical in West Tenn.

Jay Baker
Managing Editor

With the transition from winter to spring comes the increasing possibility of severe weather in West Tennessee.

Tennessee Severe Weather Awareness Week is in two weeks and Ryan Martin, assistant director of Housing, wants students to remain safe.

Martin sent The Pacer a portion of the Resident Assistant manual that deals with tornado warnings.

According to the manual, "When the siren sounds, it is a tornado alarm. This means a tornado has been sighted in the immediate area."

The manual does remind students that the tornado sirens in Martin are tested at noon on the last Wednesday of each month.

"In the event that the siren sounds, your RA will direct you where to go: Students in the Y-dorms (Browning

and Ellington) should go to the basements of those buildings. University Village I residents should go to the interior walled sections of their apartments (a hallway or bathroom). University Village II residents should go to the lowest floor hallway in their building. University Courts residents should go to the Courts Laundry Room. Grove Apartment residents can either go to the ROTC Building or the old football gym."

The manual also recommends that students wear tennis shoes in the event of a tornado warning. If the warning lasts for a long time, blankets, pillows, books or cards may help students pass the time.

Also of importance to students is the often-confusing difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A tornado watch simply means conditions are favorable for a tornado to form. A tornado warning means one has been spotted or indicated on radar.

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EDITORIAL

As many students know, or hopefully know, the Student Government Association is designed to put into action the interests of the students they represent. Unfortunately little visible improvement of UTM has been enacted by SGA this school year.

We at *The Pacer* have followed the activities of SGA closely and feel that the lack of action of its members is evidence that any SGA title is simply nothing but a resume builder to its holder.

Last semester SGA successfully carried out the second quadrennial "Writing on the Wall" project, a debatable choice to spend student funds, but the senate failed to pass legislation to demand the Skyhawk Card office be returned to its original location because of a "lack of information," (or perhaps more likely, a political statement by senators). The action only further showed SGA's lack of ability to make a positive difference for students.

It is the belief of *The Pacer* that students' lack of interest in SGA is to be blamed on SGA's lack of interest in students.

SGA did attempt to encourage interest in university issues by passing the "State of the Campus" legislation but the fact remains that most students are still unaware of SGA's presence and purpose on the campus of UTM. Students do not care about what SGA does, in spite of the fact that students themselves fund the organization, and it is a shame that SGA must be considered an organization.

It is the belief of *The Pacer* that students' lack of interest in SGA is to be blamed on SGA's lack of interest in students.

Our suggestion is that the members of SGA actually take up the responsibility that has been bestowed upon them and do something worthwhile with their position.

The students of UTM pay more and deserve more than the effort they are currently receiving from SGA.

Editorial Cartoon

REUBEN KENDALL
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST



Valentine's Day: Dates, Disasters and Friendship

My girlfriend made an amazing Valentine's Day dinner of Shrimp Alfredo with homemade sauce, tortellini, baked ravioli, Italian-style green beans, and Caesar salad. And she used my laptop to find an Italian classical music station to play in the background.

Daniel Hay, Junior

My boyfriend and I went to Paducah for Valentine's Day, but every restaurant had about a three-hour wait. So, we ended up eating at IHOP where he spilled ketchup all over himself. To top it off, his car alarm went off at the gas station and we couldn't get it to turn off. Its a good story though.

Casey Curlin, Junior

I didn't have a "Valentine" in the proper sense, but I took the time to send some of my friends (single and taken) cards. I honored my taken friends on their relationships and reached out to my fellow singles to help them feel less alone. Valentine's Day isn't always about romance; it can be about friendship, too.

- Cole Lee, Freshman

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What is the worst movie you have ever seen and why?

"Burn After Reading, because after watching it I felt like I would never get that time of my life back."



CASEY CURLIN
NEWS EDITOR

"Some Troma movie about space camp nurses... I forget the name but it actually made me vomit."



CHARLIE MCINTOSH
LIFE SECTION EDITOR

"The Man Who Cried... everyone in the movie over-acted and I was forced to watch it."



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Honing career opportunities becomes the career for some college students

Shyteria Dunlap
Pacer Writer

For many students, college years are a time for academic growth, personal achievement and social networking. It's a time when lifelong friendships are created and many students form a more solid sense of identity. College also presents many opportunities to develop time-management skills while stressing the value of prioritizing.

Universities usually gear students toward 4-year paths by which time a student will have earned a Bachelor's degree in a particular area of study. However, for various reasons not all students meet this 4-year mark.

Some reasons a student may lengthen their collegiate experience include changing majors, college adjustment, financial situations or other personal matters.

"Because I changed my major four times and withdrew for a semester due to financial issues I graduated college in five year instead of the traditional four," said UTM graduate and former Information Systems major, Sheena Wiseman.

According to Tommy McGlown, Coordinator of Conditional Admissions at UTM most students change their majors at least three or four times before they choose the right one for them. This can cause the undergraduate career to be extended.

In some instances even, partying or having too much fun can cause a student to get off the 4-year track.

"College can be a successful journey if a student strikes the necessary balance between the factors that constitute the total collegiate experience: academic, social and personal facets," McGlown said.

McGlown offers advice on helping students to graduate college in a timely fashion: "While a senior in high school, research careers in order to gain a better idea of the proper major for you." This way, he said, you can possibly narrow down on the number of times you change majors when you get to college.

"Students should take at least 15-18 hours each semester in order to be full-time students and to complete the required hours timely. If you are behind on college hours and funds permit, attend summer school to get back on track."

Lastly, he said, "Aim to achieve good grades to alleviate repeating courses." McGlown said.



Led by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, center, lawmakers announce agreement on the \$789 billion economic stimulus measure at the Capitol in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. President Barack Obama could sign the bill within days. Reid is joined by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, left, and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Obama plans to sign stimulus measure Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Savoring his first big victory in Congress, President Barack Obama on Saturday celebrated the newly passed \$787 billion economic stimulus bill as a "major milestone on our road to recovery."

Officials said he would sign the measure on Tuesday in Denver.

Speaking in his weekly radio and Internet address, President Obama said, "I will sign this legislation into law shortly and we'll begin making the immediate investments necessary to put people back to work doing the work America needs done."

At the same time, President Obama cautioned, "This historic step won't be the end of what we do to turn our economy around, but rather the beginning. The problems that led us into this crisis are deep and widespread, and our response must be equal to the task."

The bill passed Congress on Friday on votes split mostly along party lines, allowing Democratic leaders to deliver on their promise of clearing the legislation by mid-February. The decision to sign it Tuesday in Denver, where Democrats held their national convention last summer, was disclosed by officials on condition of anonymity. They said they were not authorized to discuss the plans.

"It will take time and it will take effort, but working together, we will turn this crisis into opportunity and emerge from our painful present into a brighter future," the president said.

Obama "now has a bill to sign that will create millions of good-paying jobs and help families and businesses stay afloat financially," said Sen. Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat who was a leading architect of the measure.

"It will shore up our schools and roads and bridges, and infuse cash into new sectors like green energy and technology that will sustain our economy for the long term," he added in a statement.

Hours earlier, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell offered a different prediction for a bill he said was loaded with wasteful spending.

"A stimulus bill that was supposed to

be timely, targeted and temporary is none of the above," he said in remarks on the Senate floor. "And this means Congress is about to approve a stimulus that's unlikely to have much stimulation on the economy."

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, in the GOP radio address Saturday, contended Democrats settled "on a random dollar amount in the neighborhood of \$1 trillion and then set out to fill the bucket."

Obama, who was spending the weekend in Chicago, planned to fly back to Washington on Monday. His schedule for the week ahead includes trips to Denver on Tuesday to talk about his economic agenda and a visit to Phoenix on Wednesday to present a plan to fight foreclosures.

"I will sign this legislation into law shortly, and we'll begin making the immediate investments necessary to put people back to work doing the work America needs done."

Barack Obama
PRESIDENT

In a struggle lasting several weeks, lawmakers in the two political parties both emphasized they wanted to pass legislation to revitalize the economy and ease frozen credit markets. But the plan that the administration and its allies eventually came up drew the support of only three Republicans in Congress — moderate Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

Their support was critical, though, in helping the bill squeak through the Senate on a vote of 60-38, precisely the number needed for passage. Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown cast the 60th vote in favor in a nearly deserted Senate, hours after the roll call began. He arrived after a flight aboard a government plane from Ohio, where he was mourning the death of his

mother earlier in the week.

The House vote was 246-183.

The legislation, among the costliest ever considered in Congress, provides billions of dollars to aid victims of the recession through unemployment benefits, food stamps, medical care, job retraining and more. Tens of billions are ticketed for the states to offset cuts they might otherwise have to make in aid to schools and local governments, and there is more than \$48 billion for transportation projects such as road and bridge construction, mass transit and high-speed rail.

Democrats said the bill's tax cuts would help 95 percent of all Americans, much of the relief in the form of a break of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples. At the insistence of the White House, people who do not earn enough money to owe income taxes are eligible, an attempt to offset the payroll taxes they pay.

In a bow to political reality, lawmakers included \$70 billion to shelter upper middle-class and wealthier taxpayers from an income tax increase that would otherwise hit them, a provision that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said would do relatively little to create jobs.

Also included were funds for two of Obama's initiatives, the expansion of computerized information technology in the health care industry and billions to create green jobs the administration says will begin reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Friday's events capped an early period of accomplishment for the Democrats, who won control of the White House and expanded their majorities in Congress in last fall's elections.

Since taking office on Jan. 20, the president has signed legislation extending government-financed health care to millions of lower-income children who lack it, a bill that President George W. Bush twice vetoed. Obama also has placed his signature on a measure making it easier for workers to sue their employers for alleged job discrimination, effectively overturning a ruling by the Supreme Court's conservative majority.

Fraternity provides art, poetry, music sessions to students in UC

Shyteria Dunlap
Pacer Writer

UT Martin's Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Black Student Association will host a two-part art, poetry and music program titled Creative Expression through Art, Words, and Music on Feb. 17 in the University Center.

The event will display a collection of local artists' work from the following areas: Weakley County, Obion County, Madison County and Fulton. UTM students

will also have work on display.

The first half of the program will be set up to in the form of a museum where spectators will be encouraged to view art, poetry, and hear music that celebrates the achievements of African Americans over the years. The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The second half of the program, which will be emceed by UTM graduate Natalie Boyd, will allow participants to give two-minute expressions on Black History and African American advancement.

Participants will be able to give expressions through art, words, and music that embody the theme of the program. The program will start at 7pm.

During the program, Dr. David Barber, UTM Professor of History will give an overview of the upcoming Annual Civil Rights Conference.

Both the exhibit and the program will be held in the University Center in room 206.

The exhibit and the program are open to the public.

Former UTM volleyball coach's lawsuit still lingering

Shawn Jacobs
Pacer Writer

There is still no word on a trial or settlement talk by the university in the Draper case in which a lawsuit was filed in U.S. Federal Court in Jackson, Tenn., on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

In the suit UTM Athletics Director Phil Dane and Assistant Athletics Director Danelle Fabianich are being sued by former head Volleyball coach Amy Draper for violation of the Tennessee's Human Rights Act, Title VII and Title IX.

Draper also filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights Office in March 2008 alleging UTM's violations of Title IX, the 1972 law that bans discrimination on the basis of gender in educational institutions that receive federal funds. The complaint is currently under review.

University Attorney Mike Fitzgerald said that university officials cannot comment on the pending litigation, as required by the University of Tennessee System.

According to the suit, Draper faced several instances of sexual discrimination during her two-and-a-half years as UTM's Volleyball coach.

The suit illustrates a number examples of discrimination which include receiving no support or praise for the team's first winning season in four years in Fall 2006, while Dane frequently supported male coaches and male teams; being required to claim annual leave while away from UTM, while male coaches did not; and being denied access to complaints from her players so that Draper could personally address the problems, even though male coaches had access to such complaints for their respective teams.

The suit also states that the Women's Volleyball team worked under unequal conditions compared to the male sport teams, which have larger budgets and better facilities. The team is not allowed to practice on the main court of Skyhawk Arena, and is forced to share space with UT Martin's intramural sports and physical education classes.

According to the suit, the Volleyball coaches' office is far inferior to those of male sports coaches' offices, and the Women's Volleyball offices were once a closet with no air circulation other than a window. Draper was denied a request to move the team's office to an open office in Women's Basketball office, and the office was instead given to a male coach.

Phil Dane was also given the chance to comment on the accusations faced in the law suit. He declined due to the same "pending litigation" policies. However Dane did contribute that "it was a shame that he couldn't disclose more information, and unfortunately that is often accepted negatively."

The suit also states that UT Martin violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 by having different requirements for their coaches. Male coaches of female teams are not required to have played the sport they coach, while female coaches of female teams are required to have played competitively at the college level in the sport they are coaching.

Draper says in the suit that discrimination continued in 2007, when Dane and Fabianich failed to provide the Volleyball team with a full time assistant coach that was promised as part of an increase to UTM's student activities fee to support the athletic programs. Draper believes that Dane retracted the promised coach as retaliation for speaking out about the discrimination.

Civil Rights Week events approach for peak of Black History Month at UTM

MARTIN — "Tennessee in Segregation and Civil Rights" is the theme of the University of Tennessee at Martin's ninth annual Civil Rights Conference slated for Feb. 21-27.

The Rev. James Lawson, who led the successful struggle against segregation in Nashville, will offer the conference keynote address at 7 p.m., Feb. 26, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Opening ceremonies for the Civil Rights Conference will begin at 1 p.m., Feb. 21, in the Tennessee Room at the McCombs Center, with "An Afternoon of Art and Spoken Word," sponsored by the Ken-Tenn Community Forum. The conference continues the next day, Feb. 22, with a 3 p.m. presentation of "I Am The Dream," to be held at the Harvey Vick Center in the Municipal Building on Broadway in South Fulton, also sponsored by the Ken-Tenn Community Forum.

UT Martin's chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists will sponsor a Black History Quiz Show, at 7 p.m., Feb. 23, in Watkins Auditorium.

Native American Civil Rights Day, Feb. 24, will feature a presentation by Native American civil rights activist and musician, Bill Miller, at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium.

A whole series of panels and events mark conference activities on Feb. 25 and Feb. 26. On Feb. 25, UT Martin Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Phil Dane,

will speak on the integration of college football at 10 a.m., in Room 204, Humanities Building. At noon, the Hortense Parrish Writing Center will sponsor a Black Writers' Workshop in Room 209, Humanities Building.

From there, the program shifts to the Tennessee Room in the McCombs Center where, from 1 to 2 p.m., a representative from the gay rights organization, the Tennessee Equality Project, will address issues of civil rights and sexual orientation. From 2 to 3 p.m., South Fulton natives, Joyce Washington, Pete Algee and Robert Vanderford, will discuss the segregation and desegregation of the South Fulton school system. Wednesday's events will conclude with a presentation by Dr. Al Jordon, a product of the segregated Rosenwald School in Trenton, discussing Civil Rights in the 21st Century.

Bobby Lovett will kick off the first of five events on Thursday with a talk, "Intro to Tennessee in Segregation and Civil Rights," from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Next, panelists, Richard Saunders and Myles Wilson, will discuss "Segregation and Civil Rights in Fayette County, Tenn." from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saunders is a UT Martin associate professor of library science and museum curator. Wilson is Fayette County School System superintendent.

From 1-2:15 p.m., Leo Lillard, Mary Salynn McCollum and Diane Nash will lead a discussion

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Fraternity, sorority merits for Greek Week

Danny Warren
Staff Writer

Chancellor Tom Rakes was in attendance and began the awards banquet with a speech on the current status and expectations of the Greek community.

The awards for academic excellence went to the sisters of Chi Omega and the Brothers of Sigma Chi.

First place in intramural sports went to Kappa Alpha order and to Chi Omega.

Chi Omega also took home an interfraternal relations award along with the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Gamma Rho.

The chancellor's cup went to the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho and to the sisters of Chi Omega.

Chad Lyons was elected Greek Man of The Year in the NPHC division while Wes Rodgers of Alpha Gamma Rho and Ben Hager of Alpha Tau Omega took the same award in the IFC division.

Greek Woman of the Year went to Rebecca Hinds of Chi Omega.

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon won an award for their extensive work with risk management while Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Gamma Rho, and Phi Sigma Kappa won awards for community service.

Louis Ragsdale, UTM's Greek advisor said "I am happy about how the night turned out and very proud of our Greeks. I want to congratulate everyone who took home awards, individually or as a group and hope for a successful year to come."

Freshman Council meets, covers Freshman Life

Brent Cooley
Pacer Writer

The Freshman Council met last Thursday night, and covered a range of topics including a video entitled *Life of College Freshmen* currently in production.

The Life of College Freshmen video introduces campus life to incoming freshmen from the perspective of the previous year's freshmen class.

The executive report mentioned the canned food drive for We Care and urged council members to bring cans and spread the word about this charity drive.

Business that had been apart of older meetings was also briefly discussed. Old business included information from prior meetings, and the postponement of the Student Affairs meeting.

A new meeting date has not been established as of yet. Despite the postponement of the meeting, new legislation is being worked on. Campus Observation is also trying to add new legislation. Areas that did not have any new information to reveal were the academic and committee records.

Afghanistan to take part in U.S. strategic review

KABUL (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai says President Barack Obama has accepted his proposal for Afghanistan to take part in a strategic U.S. review of the Afghan war.

Karzai says an Afghan delegation, headed by the country's foreign minister, will visit the United States as part of the review. The U.S. is studying the situation in Afghanistan at a time of worsening violence. The U.S. is contemplating sending up to 30,000 more troops to the country to bolster the 33,000 already there.

Obama's special envoy to Afghanistan, Richard Holbrooke, said at a joint news conference with Karzai on Sunday that Obama welcomed Karzai's suggestion that Afghanistan join the review in a letter Karzai recently sent to the U.S. president.

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on the "Tennessee Freedom Riders."

From 2:45-4 p.m., Vivian Morris and Curtis Morris will discuss "The Schools We Lost, the Schools We Are Seeking" in Gooch Hall.

The last event for the day will begin with a collegiate gospel choir program, at 7 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium. Following

will be a keynote presentation by the Rev. Lawson. The Civil Rights Paper Competition winners will be recognized at this event.

On Feb. 27, the conference will close with an evening of music and spoken word in Watkins Auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. The UT Martin English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, will present a spoken

word performance, followed by two UT Martin music majors, Joseph Sam and Stephen Hughes, presenting a musical composition on the Civil Rights Movement. At 7:15, the Memphis spoken word group, Brotha's Keeper, will close out the event.

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the end results and must make do with what remains. (At this time, UTM is operating on a \$73 million budget.)

When asked about impact on students, Hooten said, "A budget reduction may impact students in areas of loss of service, potential increased class size, potential increased tuition cost, and less available sections or classes not being offered."

He said a tuition increase is being discussed as revenue offset on some reductions, but it would not be a total offset. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission has recommended a 7 percent tuition increase for UT schools, but the UT Board of Trustees will not determine any fee increases

until its June meeting.

UTM's effort at reducing operating costs by having "reduced electrical consumption" has had an impact, but because of TVA rate increases, "costs have actually risen," Hooten said. "We appreciate the efforts of everyone on campus in helping to conserve electrical use."

As for the remainder of the senate meeting, an amendment resolution passed that deals with budget economic concerns in regard to securing any stimulus monies. This amendment is being reviewed and addressed by a newly formed Ad Hoc committee that will be presenting it to the Tennessee Legislature in the upcoming session.

SEJC

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adviser to *The Pacer*.

WUTM's Benita Evans placed second in "Best Radio Journalist."

"I'm extremely pleased that the hard work of the students has been recognized for the second consecutive year," said WUTM faculty adviser Richard Robinson.

Pacer staff members who won awards in the "Best in the South" competition are: Casey Curlin, news editor, who took first place in the "Best Feature Writer" category; Jennifer DeYeso, advertising manager, who won second place in the "Best News Graphic Artist" category; and Jay Baker, managing editor, who received an honorable mention in the "Best News Writer" category.

"It was really exciting but

so unexpected. I knew ahead of time that I had placed but I never thought I would come in first place," Curlin said.

The Pacer also tied for fourth place in Onsite Championship team. Individual onsite awards were: Jennifer DeYeso and Matt Cook, executive editor, second place in "Best Multimedia Package;" Jay Baker and Josh Weiss, sports editor, second place in "Public Relations;" Regina Emery, assistant news editor, second place in "Press Photography;" and Josh Lemons, sports features editor, third place in "Sports Writing."

Next year, SEJC will meet in Louisiana; in 2011, will meet in Alabama; then in 2012 will meet for the first time at UTM.



GREEK WEEK

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cartoon "Dora the Explorer."

The sisters of Chi Omega creatively intertwined the theme of lip sync with things related to their sorority, winning them first place in the lip sync competition. Chi Omega had an elaborate backdrop painted, "Hootie Tunes", and owls dressed as cartoon characters throughout the stage.

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi took home second place and Best of Show with their outstanding performance centering around two girls going through a toy box, reminiscing over cartoons they watched as kids.

An intense Step Show held Friday night concluded Greek Fest. The brothers of Kappa Alpha Order burst out of cof-

fins during their performance with a creepy/scary musical background that added emphasis to their theme. They took first place and Best of Show. The sisters of Chi Omega stunned the audience with their theatrical and circus-themed performance, earning them first place and Best of Show in Steppin'.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha took second place in Steppin' and the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi took second as well.

Overall, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha and the sisters of Chi Omega took home the win for Greek Fest 2009. The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi took second.



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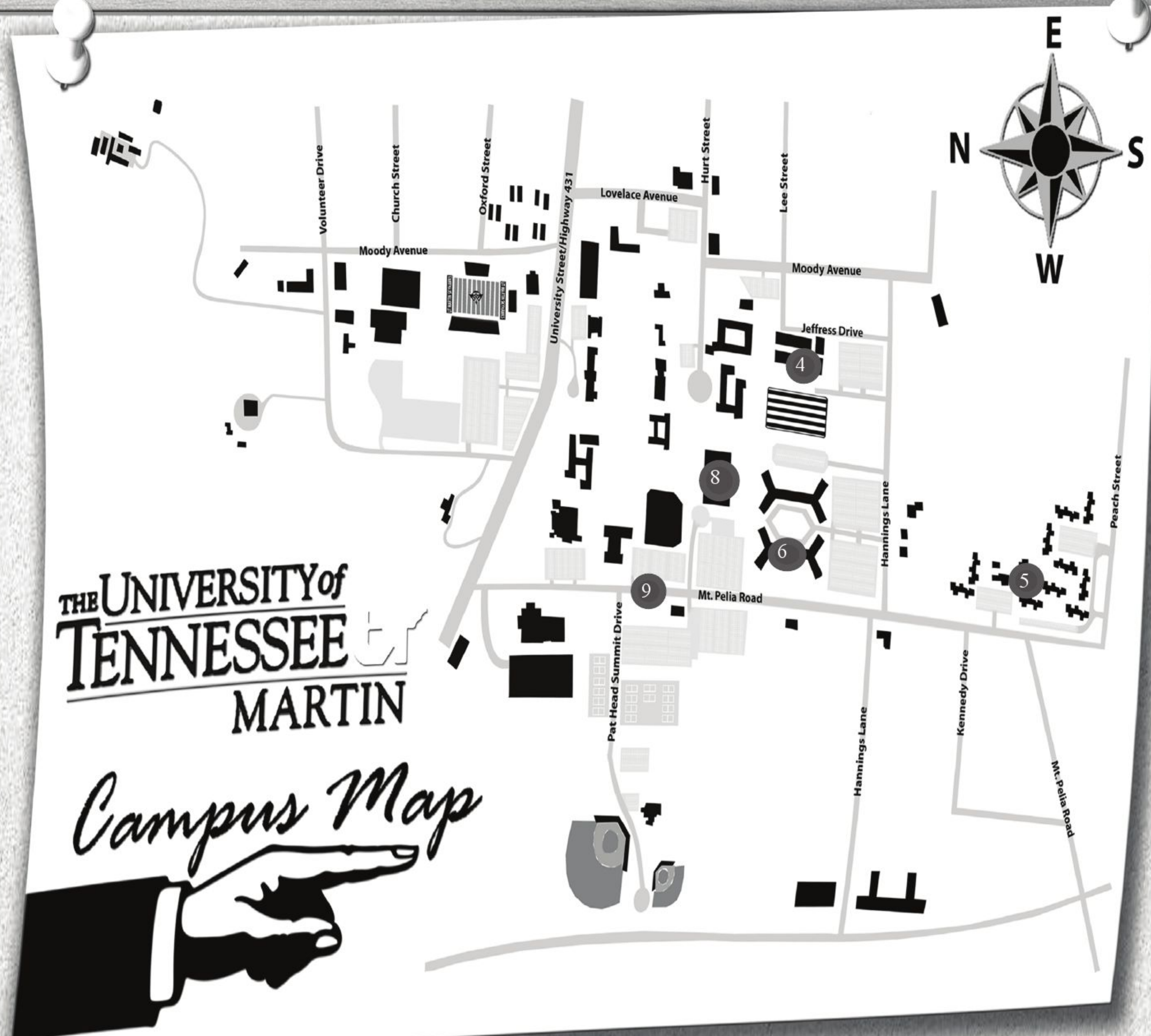
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POLICE REPORT

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2/6/2009 at 8:14 a.m. Lot 2-Vehicle towed for an excessive amount of parking tickets.

2

2/6/2009 at 12:52 p.m. Lot 1-Traffic Accident involving two vehicles-report on file.

3

2/8/09 at 3:15 a.m. Off Campus-Subject reported they had been assaulted-Referred to MPD.

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2/8/09 at 5:43 p.m. University Village-Subject reported they had been receiving harassing phone calls.

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2/8/09 at 8:10 p.m. University Courts Laundry-Subject reported some clothing taken from one of the dryers.

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2/9/09 at 12:25 p.m. Browning Hall-Subject was detained for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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2/9/09 at 1:15 p.m.-University Center-Report of a verbal argument. Both parties were separated and left without incident.

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2/9/09 at 1:55 p.m. - Lot 18-Subject reported vandalism to their vehicle-Investigation continues.

9

2/11/09 at 1:03 p.m. Mt. Pelia Road-Vehicle was damaged by a branch falling from a tree due to high winds.

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2/11/09 at 3:53 p.m. Lot 12- Vehicle was damaged by a branch falling from a tree due to high winds.

Campus Bulletin Board

Write for *The Pacer*

Any students interested in writing stories for *The Pacer* are encouraged to attend *Pacer* meetings, every Monday at 4:15 p.m. *The Pacer* welcomes students from all majors and any story ideas or suggestions, including feature stories, letters to the editor and editorials. Photographers are encouraged to attend as well. Stories and story ideas can be submitted to pacer@utm.edu.

Society of Professional Journalists

Members and those interested should meet in room at 4:15 p.m. on Mondays in 316 Gooch.

UTM Allies

UTM Allies, whose mission is to create safe spaces for all GLBT people, will start meeting 6 p.m. on Wednesdays in Room 102 Sociology building. For more information on the group and to learn how to get more involved, send an e-mail to utmallies@yahoo.com, or visit <http://www.utm.edu/organizations/allies/>.

Vanguard Theatre

The Vanguard Theatre's latest production "Fuddy Meers" will debut at 8 p.m. Thursday February 26 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. The box office opens at

noon on Monday, February 23. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. "Fuddy Meers" contains some adult language and content. For reservations call 881-7090.

Freethinkers Society

At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17 in Watkins Auditorium, the Freethinkers Society will host "Evolutionary Psychology" with Dr. McKewn.

At 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, the Freethinkers Society will also be hosting "International Current Affairs and the American Image" in Watkins Auditorium. The event will be presented by several UTM

faculty and the introduction will be given by Vice Chancellor Dr. Ogg.

Salsa for Recycling

An event called "Salsa for Recycling" will be held in the UC Ballroom on February 17 & 18. Cost to attend is \$4 per person and \$6 per couple. All funds will go to help the UTM Recycles Club.

Senior Art Exhibitions

On Tuesday, February 17, senior art exhibitions will open for Visual Art Studio and Graphic Design majors Jeromy Bell, Daniel Rose and Sherry More in the Fine Arts Building.

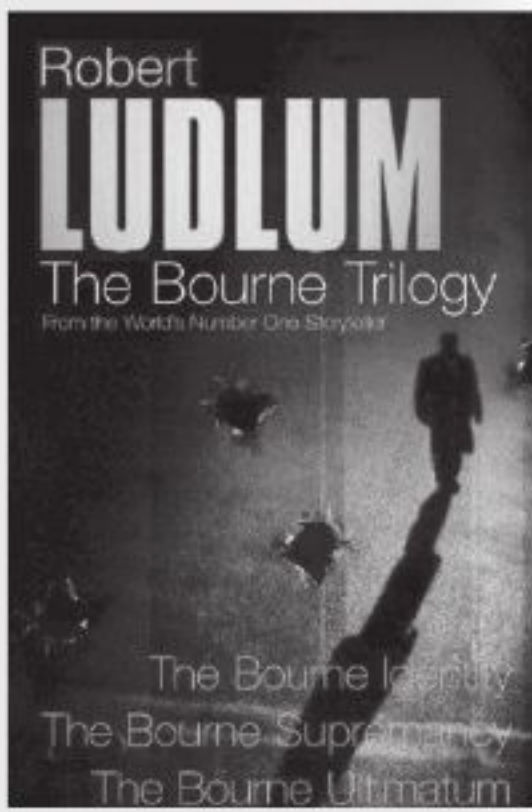


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Literature of Life: The Bourne Series

Layton Scarbrough
Pacer Writer



I have just recently finished the exhilarating Jason Bourne series by Robert Ludlum. In the books, Jason Bourne is a rogue assassin with severe amnesia and particular skills that make him a dangerous weapon. All three of the books *The Bourne Identity*, *The Bourne Supremacy* and *The Bourne Ultimatum* set in the cold war era.

The movies are not portrayed accurately to the books which carry the same titles. The titles may be the only link between the two.

The books main focus is on a cat and mouse game being played between Jason and his rival Carlos. Carlos is a skilled assassin that born was trained to destroy. The Game is spread across the world and cannot end until one of the two men is killed. The movies developed a somewhat similar premise, but did not attempt to retell the book's story.

The movies which are set in contemporary times tell the story without using the character Carlos. Carlos is one of the most important characters in the books. They chose to focus on Bourne's quest for liberation against his own government. All the while, Bourne tries to piece his memories back together, one flash back at a time. The movies do not take away anything from the books and vice versa.

Each of the three movies consist of outrageous car chase scenes, no-holds-barred gun fights and a twisted plot that promises to keep you on the edge of your seat.

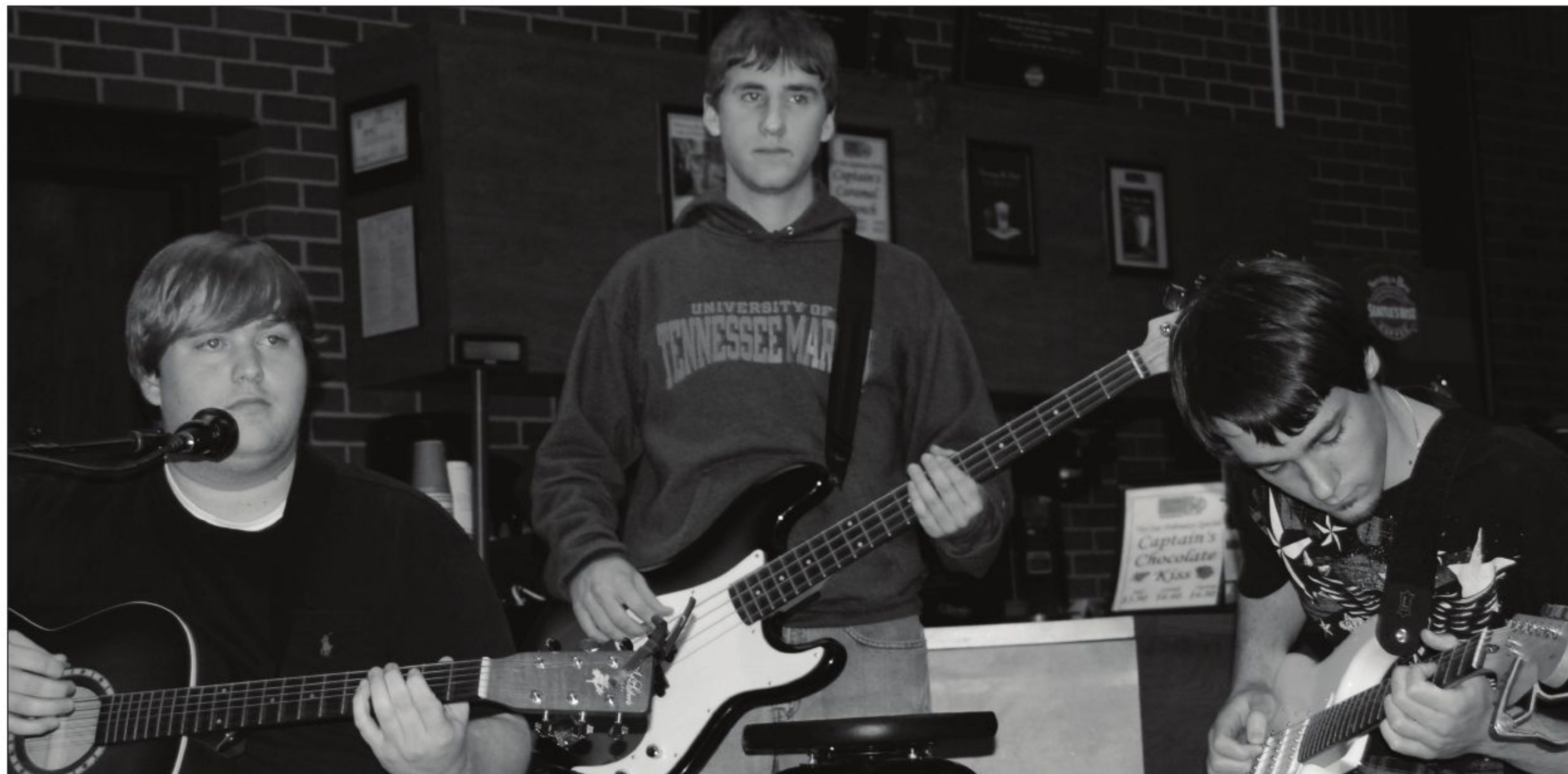
Layton Scarbrough, Pacer Writer

The books are well-written and, like the films, action-packed.

Bourne is in constant danger that leads him into many action-packed car chases, fights and near death experiences. Ludlum has the skill to illustrate a high-tension scene with precision. You will duck for cover every time he describes an explosion of gunfire or run and hide at the mention of an oncoming assailant. The movies are made in a similar fashion.

Each of the three movies consist of outrageous car chase scenes, no holds bar gun fights and a twisted plot that promises to keep you on the edge of your seat. They tell a completely different story and are not meant to be compared to the books. However because the books and movies have a few similar characters I found it easier to watch the movie before reading the books. That allowed me to associate a voice to the characters.

I would recommend seeing the movies and reading the books. Neither of the two will leave you with a feeling of disappointment.



Open Mic

Ashley Totty
Viewpoints Editor

Last Thursday, February 12th at Captain's Coffee here on campus the weekly open mic night was held. Having attended the very first open mic night, the weekly event is beginning to show more promise.

More students are getting into the music, either by playing it or just supporting it. Whether the students come to the coffee shop for a cup of coffee or to study you can see several people linger just to enjoy the music.

But it isn't just UTM students that are sharing their flare for music. University professor David Coffey showcased his talent with playing partner David Carithers. The duo played a variety of covers and a few original songs, which was the norm for the night. The original song "Expendable" was an example of Coffey's love for history, which comes through in his music selection, original or otherwise. Coffey picked up on another trend of playing the harmonica as well as the acoustic for a few of his songs. Keeping the mood light the duo attempted to support the coffee shop by playing a song called "Another Cup of Coffee." The duo ended with a little humor playing "These Boots are Made for Walking."

Daniel Musgrave, a Senior Plant Science major, was second to play and also hit the humor as well as the harmonica. Musgrave likes to liven things up with his joke about his imaginary band "The Stinkers."

Ezra Nance, a senior at Westview High School has been a steady performer since the first night the event opened up. Nance proved that the environment is very relaxed at the event by attempting to play a song he couldn't quite remember. While the lyrics escaped him at times the audience was still courteous and supportive. Determined not to end on that note Nance finished his set with a cover of "Landslide."

A new trio act performed for the first time Thursday night. Sophomore Reuben Harris played bass for the three-song set with Freshman Joshua Sims and Sophomore Robert List on Guitar. The trio had a strong following arrive at their performance and hope to play again. With two original songs entitled "Priorities" and "Lady Love" and one cover song, this group was the most popular as far as fans. They hope to extend their set list next performance.

Around 11:00 p.m. the event was drawing to a close and the event host, Keith Paluso, played the final set. Closing the event on a creative note Paluso played some originals including his own instrumental called "Ode to Carl the Goldfish."

For those interested in participating, Director Jim Nance said that all you need to do is bring your guitar and you're good to go.

"Check out our website. We put up pictures and audio files of the performers. www.utm.edu/openmic," Nance said.

If you want to secure yourself a timeslot or have any other questions, contact Jim Nance at jimnance@utm.edu or call his UTM office 881-7093.

Clockwise- Left to Right, Joshua Sims, Reuben Harris and Robert List, Professor of History and Interim Co-Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts Dr. David Coffey playing guitar in the second photo and in the last picture Daniel Musgrave performing with guitar and harmonica.(Pacer Photo/Ashley Totty)



Torino makes for powerful final performance from Hollywood legend

by Spencer Taylor
Pacer Writer

Since the Oscar nominations have been announced, many critics have been discussing some of the most neglected films for the eighty-first Academy Award ceremony. Leading the pack in many of these debates is *Gran Torino*, a powerful new film from legendary director and actor Clint Eastwood.

In his first acting role since *Million Dollar Baby* (2004), Clint Eastwood portrays Walt Kowalski, a man now living alone in a decaying Detroit suburb after the death of his wife. The sole white person left in his neighborhood, Walt exhibits intense bigotry throughout the film, regarding any subject from his foreign neighbors to foreign-made cars with extreme prejudice.

Walt, a Korean War vet and retired Ford employee, now spends his days on his front porch with an ice chest full of beer and loyal dog at his side.

Next door to Walt (and throughout the neighborhood) are people of the Hmong ethnic group of South Asia. Thao Vang Lor (Bee Vang) is a young man trapped by fate in a culture where "girls go to college and the boys go to jail." Pressured into joining a gang by his cousin, Thao's initiation goes awry when he is caught attempting to steal Walt's prized 1972 *Gran Torino*.

By attempting to steal the car, Thao is forced to work for Walt not only as an apology, but to restore honor to his family. After this point, Walt begins to form a relationship with Thao and his family that builds amidst the gang's pressure until the wild climax at

the end of the film.

Gran Torino is a very strong film that explores much more than a clash of generations and ideals. With that being said, the film does not fall prey to the cliché ebb and flow of so many films that try to explore conflicting cultures and societies.

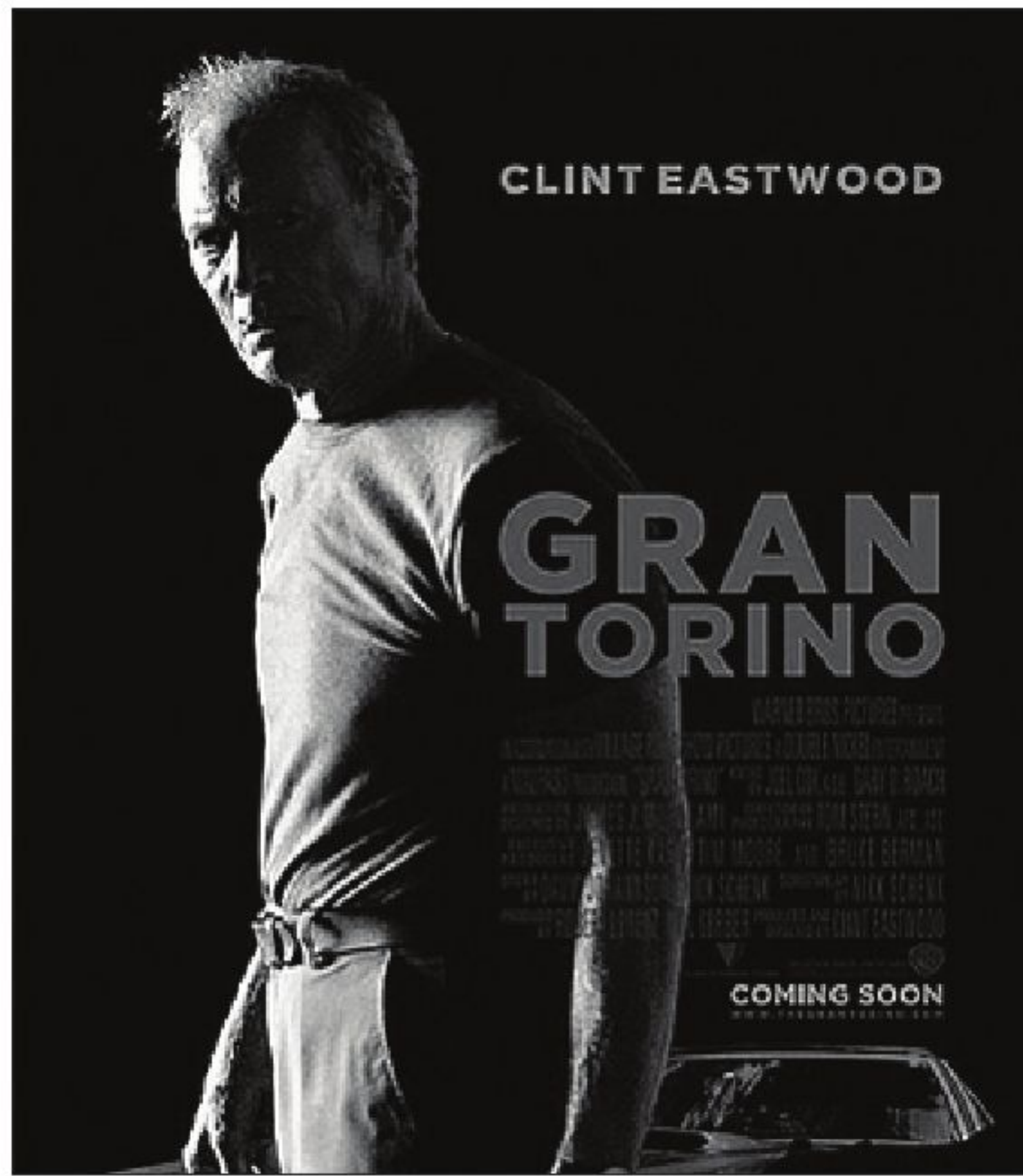
Although Clint Eastwood put on an Oscar-worthy performance, the film was not without fault. One of the most discussed aspects of the film is the intense load of racial slurs from beginning to end. Eastwood's character is without doubt a prejudiced individual, but some parts of the film were so drenched in derogatory remarks that the film (judging by the audience's reaction) appeared to shift from drama to comedy.

The performance of Thao (Vang) was also question-

able, with many high-emotion moments giving way to robotic line delivery not unlike something one would find in a Star Wars prequel.

What makes *Gran Torino* great, however, is undoubtedly the presence of Clint Eastwood in front of and behind the camera. While watching the film, my initial impressions included a synthesis of *Dirty Harry* and *Unforgiven*. While the film does display traces of both films, Clint Eastwood guides *Gran Torino* in an ultimately different direction. Instead of pulling a "Sylvester Stallone/Rocky Balboa", Eastwood allows *Gran Torino* to be its own film.

Clint Eastwood deserved a Best Actor nomination for, at the very least, making a good film great.



Coach Cates excited about season, new prospects

Joshua Lemons
Sports Features Editor

The lights are almost completed. The landscaping is being finished. The weather is starting to warm up. Spring is around the corner. That could only mean one thing, baseball season is about to begin.

And no one is more excited about the up-coming season than UTM head coach Bubba Cates. The Pacer sat down with the coach to talk about the season, recruits, the coaching staff and fan involvement.

In the past few years, fan turnout for the spring sports have been considerably less than in the fall. Coach Cates would like to see that change, and the addition of lights to the baseball field he hopes will bring more fans out to support the team.

"We would love to draw big crowds and I think the lights are going to do that," Cates said.

Although the OVC requires teams to start their conference games at one o'clock, the lights will alter the scheduling of the non-conference schedule.

Cates added, "We have three games on the schedule that we will start at night. That's not unusual; I think most people that have lights are doing not a whole lot more than that outside of conference."

Even though the season has not officially started, that does not mean the coach has not been hard at work off the field. In this last off-season, he has added some of the areas premier talent, players and coaches alike.

Back in December, Jake Weghorst, a primary set-up man from Baylor University, joined the coaching staff as a voluntary assistant.

"We had an opportunity; the NCAA allows three paid coaches and one volunteer so you can have four guys coaching in your program. A year ago we were able to add Brad Goss for our first full time assistant. And then we have a graduate assistant coaching our program, Joe Scarano."

"So we had the opportunity to add somebody else and you know when you are adding a volunteer that is a little bit harder thing to do because they are coming and you are not paying them to come," Cates said.

Cates said that the University has been very helpful in attracting volunteer assistants by allowing them to teach some classes at the school.

"Our school has been real good about helping those guys that would be not just in our program but in our athletic department be supplemented just a little bit because they will teach an ad-



Coach Bubba Cates said he is excited about the new lights at the baseball field, the upcoming season and the new recruits. (University Relations)

junct class or two and they kind of get steady income while they are here."

In addition to teaching classes, the volunteers also can earn income by participating in baseball camps and clinics outside of the university setting. Instead of doing a nationwide search for an assistant, Cates preferred to call on his friends and colleagues around the nation.

"I got on the phone and called people I knew and said hey we have an opening and are looking for the right guy."

It did not take long to find that guy, either. Coach Cates made a call to Steve Smith, a long time friend and head coach at Baylor and got the answer he was looking for. Coach Smith told Cates that he might have a guy, Weghorst and Cates spoke on the phone and two weeks later, the coach made a trip to Memphis where Weghorst was coaching in a summer league and thing happened to work out.

Coach said that Weghorst is a great addition to the program because he is able to spend full time with the pitching staff, an area he excelled at in college.

"Just because a guy was a good player does not make him a good coach but in Jake's situation he's got a real good feel for what's going on. He is one of those rarer guys that has a real good numbers background but also has a good feel for teaching the

game," Cates said.

In addition to Weghorst, coach landed some of the areas top recruits and has a good number of seniors of the squad. Cates said he like to have a good mix of guys on the squad. Whether they are freshman or seniors does not matter as what the player can contribute to team on the field. He pointed out that there were three freshmen on last years team that came in and were able to make an immediate impact. And that looks to be the case again this year.

"This year's freshman group we have a pitcher and at least two outfielders that are going to play a whole lot for us. And then next year's group of freshmen coming in will be guys that will be involved a lot early too."

Cates said that the young guys coming in and playing together will be good because the players will know each other's styles and give the team the stability that it needs.

Quite a few of the new recruits coming in already have ties to UTM, with parents who are UTM alumni. Cates said that is a big selling point to get these players to come here.

"I think what you find out is that it seems like they have a little bit invested already. Like in Alex's (Boshers) situation his mom was an athlete here and so he has grown up with that idea about UT Martin being a little bit special in his family."

Cates talked about the difficulty of recruiting and scheduling in the state of Tennessee. As he points out there are eleven division one schools in the state. When a good player from within the state emerges, that means that eleven schools are trying to get that player to sign with their school.

"Everybody in the state wants him and we are one of the smaller schools, smaller settings, and we are a little bit different because we are rural and everyone else is located in a metropolitan area, just a little bit different."

As far as the fans are concerned, Coach Cates hopes that everyone at the school and within the community will come out and support the team.

"It should be exciting. We have a group of good guys here. We have some real good returning players in our program here and we also have some guys that are young and new to us that are going to be big keys."

"College is one of the most fun times in your life. And what makes it fun is that people that go to school get involved in things," Cates said.

The Skyhawks first home game is February 24 at 4:00pm against Southern Illinois University.

A look into the world of Equestrian

Shyteria Dunlap
Pacer Writer

Of all the sports teams at UTM, few are more overlooked than the Equestrian team.

Michelle Thompson, a Junior Equestrian team member, gave some information and insight into this often overlooked sport.

Over the years, the team has grown. This is the program's third season as a team, whereas four years ago, it was a club sport, which means there was no scholarship money for the team.

"There are two categories on the Equestrian team: the western and the English or the hunter seats. The western disciplines relate to more of the western-origin and specialize more in reigning and mastering stops. They also deal a lot with adjusting to different movements," Thompson said.

Thompson also elaborated on the English style.

"The English discipline is nicknamed the "hunters" because they specialize in skills that are associated with such. For instance, the English riders jump over creeks and specialize more in the area of swamp roads, tracks, and obstacles," Thompson said.

Thompson thinks students could really branch out by learning about the Equestrian team.

"In terms of diversity, the Equestrian team offers a new look into the world of sports. Because students aren't as familiar with this sport, it's a good way for them to learn more about a different sport."

A typical meet consists of three or four minutes of warm-up time before competition. Then riders are judged based on different abilities: jumps, posture on horse and equitation on the flat, which includes running the right pattern as assigned.

When competitions are at UTM, they are held in the Agricultural Pavilion.

UTM horses are kept at Graves Stables. Recently, the UTM equestrian team added an outdoor arena, located across from Graves Stables to use for practice.

"When we travel for competition, we don't get to take our own horses, we ride the horses at the competition site. Our competitors aren't familiar with the other horses either. That's why our coaches, Coach Meghan Cunningham and Coach Brenna Burris, has us practice a lot on techniques that help us to ride any horse well," Thompson said.

The Equestrian team competed in Texas over the weekend in the Best of the West competition. The results were not available at time of press.

Softball team starts season strong

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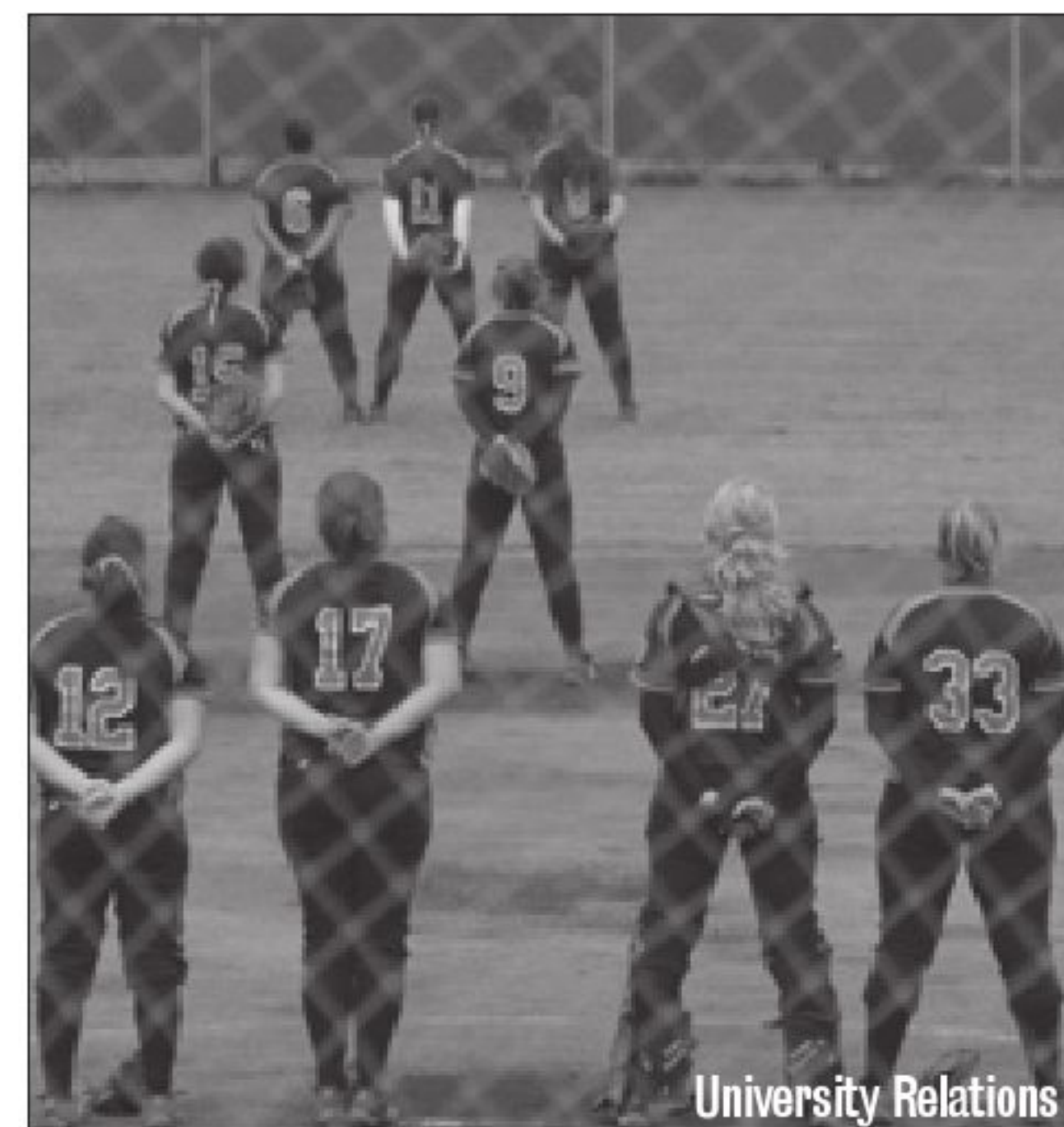
Two runs in the fifth inning proved to be enough for The University of Tennessee at Martin softball team to hand Hampton Inn Lion Classic host Southeastern Louisiana a 3-1 loss in the tournament finale Sunday morning. With the win UTM improves to 7-2 on the season and finishes the Hampton Inn Lion Classic with a mark of 3-2.

Greer Long scored from third on a two-out wild pitch from Southeastern Louisiana pitcher Catherine Gunther to give the Skyhawks a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. Laura Roberts then slapped a RBI single up the middle to score what would become the eventual running run in Chelsea Cary. Cary, who pinch hit for Erin Driskell, reached base after being hit by a Gunther pitch and moved into scoring position on a passed ball.

The Lions responded in the top half of the sixth, leading off with a single and a double to move a pair of runners into scoring position. That prompted Skyhawks head coach Donley Canary to make a change at pitcher, bringing in Paij Lintz. Lintz forced a pair of groundouts from the first two batters she faced, allowing only one run to cross the plate before escaping the inning with a pop out from Meghan Gomez.

UTM added an insurance run in the bottom half of the sixth when Laurie Lindow hit an RBI grounder to second to score Megan Latimer from third. Latimer had worked her way into scoring position after leading the inning off with a single to left and advanced to second on a Southeastern Louisiana fielding error, then moved to third on a Megan Vanrsdale grounder.

Chelsea Jones, who started the game in the circle for UTM, tossed five innings with three strikeouts while



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allowing only five hits and one walk to earn her third win of the year. Lintz came in to close out the game in the fifth inning and earned her first save of the season. The save was the fifth of Lintz's career, moving her into sole possession of the all-time saves record in program history.

The Skyhawks will now turn their focus to next weekend's UT Arlington Maverick Classic in Arlington, Texas. UTM will play four games in the programs first-ever trip to the Lone Star state, beginning with Missouri-Kansas City and Houston Baptist next Saturday and Texas Southern and tournament host UT Arlington Sunday afternoon.

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Left: Lester Hudson drives to the basket against Jacksonville State last Thursday night.

Right: Fresh, guard Reuben "Ookie" Clayton rises up for the jam late in the second half of Thursday's game.



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UTM avoids 'Valentine's Day Massacre'

Randy Cavin
Pacer Writer

The UTM Skyhawks won a hard fought battle against the Tenn. Tech Golden Eagles Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Elam Center treating the home crowd to a Valentine's Day victory and their 10th straight win.

The Skyhawks' defense came out a little flat in the opening half allowing the Golden Eagles to go on a 10 point run building to a 13 point lead before Eric Massey was fouled by Elijah Muhammad at the 11:48 mark, making both free throws and starting a nine point Skyhawks run. TTU halted the UTM scoring run with two free throws by DJ Lindsay at the 6:20 mark.

From there, Lester Hudson scored the next four points in the game for the Skyhawks

keeping them close before a TTU three pointer by Frank Davis increased their lead to 30-23.

UTM came right back with a timely three pointer by Marquis Weddle getting the Skyhawks to within four followed by another three pointer by Hudson to bring the Skyhawks to within one point.

Weddle was fouled going for a defensive rebound sending him to the free throw line where he made both shots giving UTM their first lead in the game with 3:04 left in the half, making the score 31-30.

From that point, it was a back and forth battle with the Golden Eagles taking a 35-33 lead into the half.

Hudson had 18 points in the first half followed by Weddle with eight points. Tech had a 47.8 field goal percentage while UTM shot 33.3 percent

from the field. UTM was 5-15 on three point attempts while Tech shot 4-10 from beyond the arc.

Weddle, who suffered a busted lip in Thursday night's game against Jacksonville State, was a game time decision on whether or not if he could play.

"I was proud of our guys not to panic or not to gamble too much."

Bret Campbell

MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

After the game Weddle said, "They just had to stitch it up. They tried to get me back for the game yesterday, but it was not closed up so it was the best thing for me to do was to wait and give me a couple of days rest with no contact and a couple of easy days of practice."

The Skyhawks came out in

the second half and tied the score at 35 all on a Hudson jumper, but Tech came right back with a three by Kevin Murphy followed by a bucket in the paint by Weddle.

Hudson tied the score at 41-41 at the 13:05 mark in the second half before Tech

slammed one in to cut the Skyhawks' lead to seven. Tech got to within four then Hudson drained two free throws to give UTM a six point lead.

UTM increased their lead to eight on a fast brake started by a Delrico Lane defensive rebound and finished with Reuben Clayton slamming it home and shutting the door on the Golden Eagles.

UTM struggled in the first half and after the game Coach Bret Campbell said, "I was proud of our guys not to panic and not to gamble too much. We closed it up to two at half time and we talked about it at half time keeping them shooting under 30 percent in the second half. They are not going to keep making the shots that they were."

After the game Hudson talked about how the Skyhawks defense played in the first half

compared to the first half. Hudson said, "We were not playing good defense like we usually play. We talked about it in the locker room and the coach told us to go out and play hard, play smart, and play together. We took them a little lightly in the first half, but we picked it up in the second half."

Hudson led all scorers in the game with 33 points while Weddle finished with 17 points and 4-9 from behind the arc. Clayton tossed in 11 points. Murphy led Tech with 23 points. Northern of Tech led all rebounders with 17.

The Skyhawks hit the road on Wednesday, Feb. 18, to take on Eastern Illinois. Game time is set for 7 p.m. The Skyhawks next home game is this Saturday, Feb 21, at the Elam Center in a Bracket Busters game at 6 p.m. against Missouri State.

Mixed rifles places second at OVC Championships; Tillson, Silvas receive All-OVC accolades

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The University of Tennessee at Martin mixed rifle team put together a strong two-day performance at the OVC Championships hosted by Tennessee Tech on February 7 and 8.

The team finished with an aggregate score of 4,515 (2,253 smallbore, 2,262 air rifle) to ensure a second-place finish behind five-time defending champion Jacksonville State's score of 4,628.

The UT Martin women's rifle team placed sixth with their score of 4,362 (2,169 smallbore, 2,193 air rifle). In smallbore, Kaitlin Chaffin shot a team-high 553 for the women's squad, who barely edged Kelsea Hunt's score of 552 for the team lead. Jennifer Garbina fired a 539 and Kendra King shot a score of 525 to close out the scoring.

Heather Tillson led the mixed team in the smallbore event by shooting a 576, while Silvas was closely behind with a 571 score. Rob Burrows shot a 561 and Combs put together a score of 545 to round out the mixed team's scoring.

Alex Silvas' air rifle score of 572 paced the mixed team, as Tillson finished closely behind with a 571. Burrows shot a 569 and a Justin Grinolds score of 550 finished the day for the mixed squad.

Chaffin once again led the women's team with a score of 564 in the air rifle, while Garbina shot a score of 547.



The rifle team poses for a picture after their second place finish at the OVC Championships hosted by Tennessee Tech. Senior Heather Tillson (front-left) earned OVC First Team honors, while freshman Alex Silvas (back row, second from right) earned OVC Second Team honors and a spot on the OVC Newcomer team. (Photo: Courtesy Bob Beard, Rifle Coach)

Hunt (543) and King (539) rounded out the scoring for the women's team.

With her scores, Tillson automatically qualifies for the NRA sectional this Saturday at Murray State, and the rest of the Skyhawks will also shoot on Saturday for a chance to move on to nationals. "This next match also determines national rank," Coach Beard said.

After the conclusion of the championships on Sunday, the postseason All-OVC teams were revealed, as senior

Heather Tillson earned All-OVC First Team in smallbore and All-OVC Second Team in air rifle. With the conference recognition, Tillson becomes the only shooter in UT Martin history to be named All-Conference four consecutive years.

Freshman Alex Silvas was named All-OVC Second Team in both smallbore and air rifle, as well as a spot on the All-OVC Newcomer team in both smallbore and air rifle.

"Heather and Alex had good performances and the team

did just what they had to do," Beard said. "They came from six points down after smallbore to overtake Morehead State and stay ahead of Murray State. I am extremely proud of the team effort and the honors earned by Heather and Alex."

The team also competed over the Valentine's Day weekend at Murray State University in the National Rifle Association Sectional. The results were not yet in at time of press, but Tillson said, "The results were good. I think we fell about four points short of our goal."

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